

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [000122] with the following amended paragraph:

[000122] Figure 32A depicts the use of an alternative joist rim 800' that is substantially "Z"-shaped when viewed from one of its ends. The joist rim 800' has a web 804', a lower leg 803' and an upper leg 802'. As can be seen from that Figure, upper leg 802' is shorter than leg 802 in the embodiment depicted in Figure 32. However, the rim 800' is employed in the same manner as described in detail above with respect to use of the joist rim 800, ~~eept~~ except that it lacks a leg portion 806.